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For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING DIAMETER OF A SILICON CRYSTAL IN A LOCKED SEED LIFT GROWTH PROCESS

Examiner M. Anderson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated April 24, 2001, applicants elect claims 1-10 (Group I) for examination. Applicants therefore withdraw claims 11-18 (Group II) from consideration, without prejudice to their patentability, and expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to these claims. Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of the elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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